

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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National Children's Fund
Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a National Children's Fund (NCF) in the country , if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;
- (b) the funds raised towards NCF during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the funds released from the NCF for various schemes have reportedly been diverted to meet the administrative expenses during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken in this regard;
- (e) the funds released from the NCF for various schemes along with its utilisation during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government for judicious utilisation of funds under the NCF?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) : Yes ,Madam. The Government of India, in the International Year of the Child (1979), created the National Children's Fund (NCF) under Charitable Endowments Act 1890. As the Government funding of child welfare and development programmes is confined to a schematic pattern it was felt appropriate to set up a separate fund to promote innovative projects by voluntary organisations. In view of the changed societal scenario, the Scheme of NCF was revised and notified by the Department (now Ministry) of Women and Child Development on 24 November, 2004.

The management and administration of the Fund is under a Board of Management (BOM). The Minister, Women and Child Development, is Ex-Officio Chairperson and the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development is working Chairperson of the Board. Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development is Secretary-cum-Treasurer of NCF.

Objectives

The objectives of the National Children's Fund are to promote and fund the various programmes for children who are affected by natural calamities, disasters, distress and in difficult circumstances through voluntary agencies and State Government, in unserved and underserved areas including tribal and remote areas and Children in difficult circumstances including children of prisoners, children affected by riots, aggression, children affected by trafficking and children of prostitutes by raising funds from individuals, institutions, corporates and others.

(b) : The details of the fund raised towards NCF during the last three years and the current year are as under:
(in Rupees)

Year 2016-17* 2015-16 2014-15 2013-14

Donation Received 11,170 2,06,774 35,000 1,59,781

Interest Received 36,48,112 1,59,55,296 1,54,00,215 1,52,04,514

* As on 29.11.2016

(c) : No.

(d) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) : The funds were released to the NGOs in the States and not to the State Governments. The details of funds released from NCF to NGOs of various States/UTs are annexed.

(g) : Ministry of Women and Child Development issued guidelines for grant of scholarship to orphan and destitute children who scored more than 70% marks in Class XI, XII, Certificate Course in ITI or equivalent, Diploma in Polytechnic of not less than three years of duration, Graduation/ Post Graduation and Professional courses viz., Medical ,Engineering, Management, CA etc. on 24.06.2016.
